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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding the City of Santa Fe Springs OU2 Groundwater Containment Facility

Dear Mr. Praskins:

I am writing on behalf of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (**SWRCC**), which is requesting access to certain materials that may be in the possession of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**) for inspection and copying pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552).

Through this request, SWRCC seeks to inspect any and all records pertaining to the OU2 Groundwater Containment Facility ("Project"). In particular, SWRCC is seeking all documents regarding the Omega Chemical Superfund Site and Omega Site OU2.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A), SWRCC respectfully requests that you promptly respond and make these records available. To the extent practicable, SWRCC would prefer to receive files in an electronic or digital format (preferably Adobe PDF) on a Windows-compatible CD or DVD.

SWRCC, a tax-exempt non-profit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, requests the above information for public interest use and not for commercial use. Consequently, SWRCC requests that fees associated with the search and review of the records be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). If your office is unable to waive these fees and costs or needs additional information in

order to waive such fees, please provide an estimate of costs to our office with your response.

To the extent that a portion of the information requested is exempt by express provision of law, please segregate and delete that material in accordance with the statute so that the remainder of the information may be provided to satisfy our request. If you determine that an express provision of law exempts from disclosure all or a portion of the material that SWRCC has requested, please provide a determination and notification of the reason therefore no later than 20 days from your receipt of this request, as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6).

If any of the requested documents are available online, please provide the URL address at which the documents may be downloaded. If any of the requested documents are retained by the EPA in electronic computer-readable format such as PDF, please provide those copies via email, or inform of the location at which they can be copied electronically.

Please send notice by regular and electronic mail to:

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We look forward to working with you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

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Sincerely,

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